

Pilot Car Was First Out and Last to Finish

Ford Attacked
By Flames and
Nearly Swamped

Machine Came Through
Dangers With Colors
Flying.

The car which attracted the most attention and furnished the biggest surprise of the whole run was the little four-cylinder Ford runabout, a 1905 model driven by Gardner Orme.

Beside immense touring machines and handsomely fitted out runabouts, the diminutive machine was all the more conspicuous, and it was considered little short of foolhardy to undertake such a run as was on the cards last Tuesday in such a frail craft.

But on the road the miniature auto passed its 40 and 60 horsepower competitors, ran around many which had pulled out ahead of it, and saw the formidable looking demi-racers floundering in the mud while it made its way steadily past them, and pulled in at the club-house with seals unbroken, and, although it was disfigured because of an adjustment made to the speed gear, the little car, taking into consideration its size and power, made one of the most remarkable records of the contest.

Bettered Expectations.
"Frankly, I did not expect to finish with a perfect score when I started out," said Gardner Orme, the owner and driver of the plucky little machine. "It was my first attempt in a competition of this kind, and I went into it more by way of practice than with any hope of pulling through. Now that I have come through, it seems to me that, inasmuch as my seals were unbroken, I should have at least some recognition at the hands of the committee, and I intend to lay my case before them. It was not necessary to tighten the clamp on that low speed gear, and I was not compelled to use it after the adjustment was made. Even supposing I did, it was my understanding that a 'clean score' meant that the hoods had not been tampered with, and had no bearing on the repairs made to tires or any other part of the machine."

"The run certainly proves my machine an exceedingly durable car, as those who saw me taking the breakers and hills on full speed can testify."

Nearly Drowned.
"When just a little way from the city I met my first obstacle in the shape of a small stream very much swollen by the rains. I crossed safely but the water flooded the engine and the machine stopped stock still just on the other side. I thought it was all up with me then; but after cranking I was surprised when the car started off."

"It was at Olney that I rigged up a temporary device for holding the low speed gear in place because I did not have a screw handy which fitted the thread of the gear."

"From Frederick to Ridgeville I raced a 40-horsepower machine and reached the latter place and ate my lunch before it caught up. It had left Frederick fifteen minutes ahead of me and I passed it about half way between these points. Near Ridgeville another car collided with mine and for the first time I experienced some difficulty in starting. My machine was wedged into a ditch in such a manner that it was impossible to pull out without aid and the car which had pushed me off the road towed me back on with the aid of my own power."

In Danger From Fire.
"The accident which most nearly proved disastrous happened when, about eighteen miles from Washington, my observer's foot pushed the footboard against the exhaust pipe. The pipe was red hot and the board caught on fire. The flames had almost reached the gasoline tank when we checked them. After this we had no trouble."

"The run was a revelation to me of what the machine could do. On Friday I went back over the same road to rescue the pilot car which was stranded at Monrovia, about three miles from New Market. The top of the carburetor had been broken and the pilot was laid up until this part could be replaced. On the return run I came over the same route as the contestants took and made record time from Ridgeville to Washington."

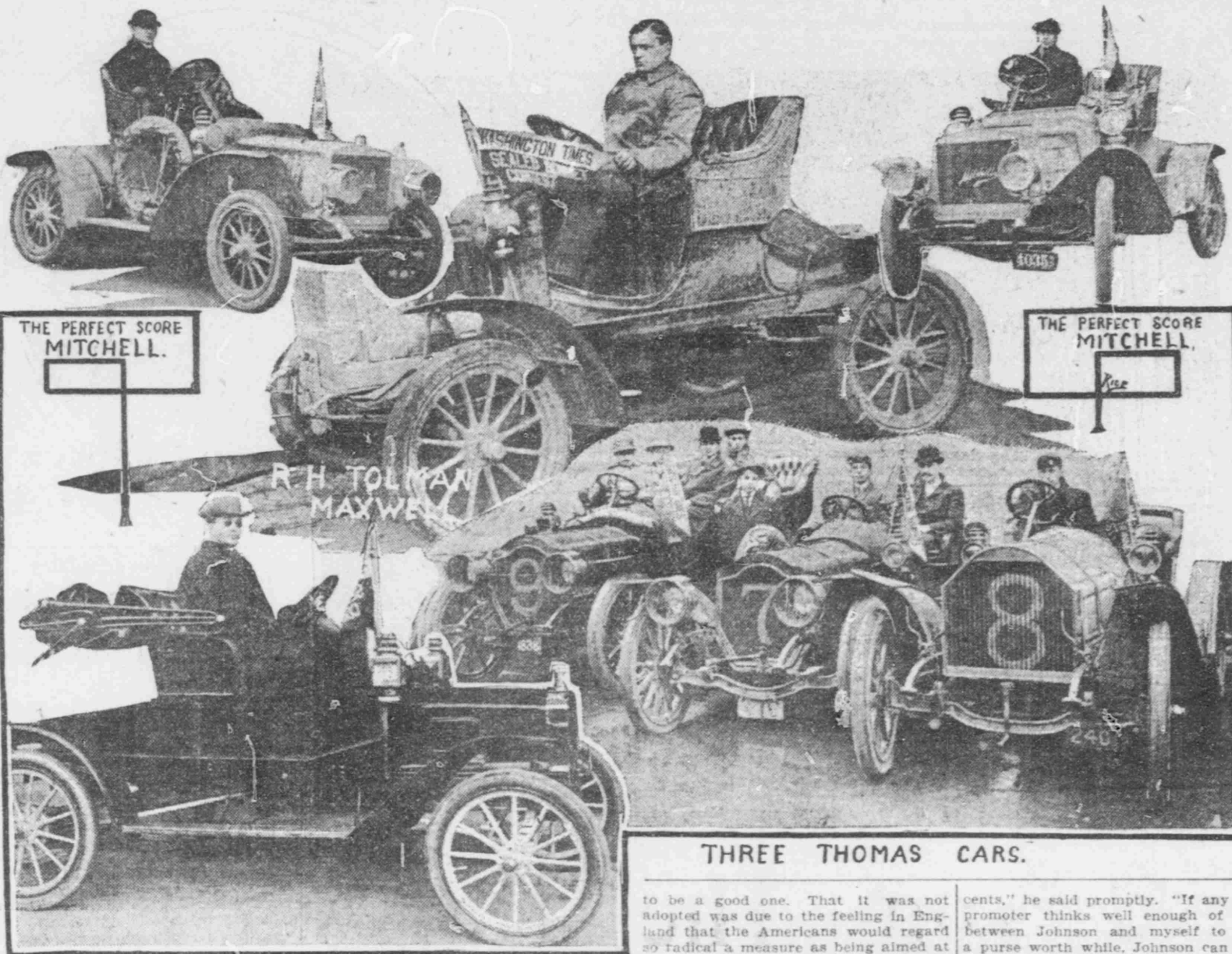
SHAMROCKS EASY FOR RESERVE TEAM

In an interesting game in the Y. M. C. A. Hall the Reserve team defeated the Shamrock Athletic Club's basketball quint by 23 to 14.

The goal-shooting of Allen, the Reserves' diminutive forward, was of excellent caliber, this youngster having three field goals and three free throws chalked to his credit. Heath was the other man on the floor who succeeded in caging the ball three times from field. For the losers, Robertson was the individual star, having five field goals to his credit.

INCREASE DEFENSE FUND.
Washington members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have been officially advised that the executive committee of their organization has decided to raise its defense fund from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 and will lay an assessment to meet the big increase.

THEY SHOWED THEIR METTLE LAST TUESDAY



C. E. MILLER - FORD CAR

Best English Stable Wins Paltry Amount Compared With Keene

Col. W. Hall-Walker Tops List With \$88,500. Better Field the Explanation—Germans Alarmed Over Thoroughbreds—No Tennis Change.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The \$88,500 won by Col. W. Hall-Walker, the top of the list of winning owners for the flat racing season just closed in England, looks small beside the \$400,000 or more to the credit of James R. Keene, leader of the American winners.

It is, as a matter of fact, a remarkably small total. Two years ago his winnings were greater by \$50,000, and he is considerably behind the amount won by him last season.

The difference between the amount won by Mr. Keene and Colonel Hall-Walker must not be taken as an indication of the difference in the rewards offered owners by the English and American turf. As a matter of fact, so far as stake races are concerned, Mr. Keene's stable overshadowed everything on the other side, while on this side the racing strings were more evenly matched.

Owners who won more than \$20,000 were as follows:
Col. W. Hall-Walker.....\$88,500
W. B. Purfoy.....59,229
J. B. Joel.....59,020
W. M. G. Singer.....31,085
W. Bass.....30,299
Col. E. W. Baird.....52,750
Col. Joel.....42,365
Captain Greff.....41,832
R. Croker.....35,083
Duke of Devonshire.....33,729
Duke of Westminster.....31,099
W. M. G. Singer.....31,085
Sir D. Cooper.....28,703
Colonel Kirkwood.....28,475
J. A. de Rothschild.....24,815
L. de Rothschild.....24,815
A. Bailey.....22,425
William Clark.....22,375
Duke of Devonshire.....21,519
W. R. Wyndham.....21,105
Lord Roseberry.....20,880

It is gratifying to note that the King figures his winnings this year in round figures. He had four horses win five races with a total of \$14,720.

While Higgs again leads the list of winning jockeys, so far as actual number of winning mounts is concerned, Maher is away in the lead in percentage of wins. Higgs was credited with 114 wins, while Maher is credited with 114 wins. Higgs, however, had 724 races, while Maher sported silk in only 428 races. The percentages of wins were: Maher, 26.76; Higgs, 26.89. Sixty-five jockeys and sixty-four apprentices won races during the season. Lucien Lyne, another American jockey, rode in 144 races and was bracketed twenty-seven times.

The total amount hung up in purses this season approximates \$2,750,000.

Sir Edward Vincent has decided to retire from racing. His entire string of horses in training was sent up to the Newmarket sale. While Sir Edgar has not cut as big a figure on the turf as some of the others, he is a sterling sportsman, and his loss will be felt.

There was much interest in English racing circles at the close of the season because of the rivalry for stallion honors between Gallinule and St. Frusquin. Four years ago the latter led over the former by about \$240. This year Gallinule reverses the verdict and leads St. Frusquin by about \$210. Gallinule's figures are \$116,955. Of the 412 twenty-five stallions, eight are y St. Simon, with earnings of more than \$500,000 to their credit. Collar, also a St. Simon, should be credited with \$50,000 won in America by his son, Frank Gill. So little was Gallinule thought of by

English breeders when he went to the stud, in 1890, that no fee was exacted for his services for approved mares. In the fifteen years which have elapsed his offsprings have won more than \$300,000, and it is almost impossible to book outside mares to him. Gallinule is by Geomony, out of the Hermit mare Moorhen.

Baitinglass, the three-year-old winner of the Manchester November Handicap, on the last day of the flat racing season in England, is by Isinglass, out of the American mare Sibola, which the late Pierre Lorillard always declared should have won him the Epsom Oaks in her year. She lost through being practically left at the post.

German turf authorities are worried by the poor showing made by German bred race horses the past season. Investigation shows that systematic bleeding of German thoroughbred stock has been going on by the Austrian breeders, who pick up the best of the stallions as soon as they show form. Steps will be taken, it is said, to stop, or at least to regulate, the sale of stallions out of Germany.

The French policy now, as opposed to the German, is to buy, and not sell, thoroughbreds. Several high-class stallions have just been purchased by the government from English breeders. It is altogether probable that the same course will be pursued in Germany.

England's lawn tennis players have failed to consider favorably the new football rule in lawn tennis framed by Sir S. Alfred E. Hickman, making it compulsory for the server to stand with both feet firmly on the ground and behind the service line. Generally the rule was thought by the English players

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to be a good one. That it was not adopted was due to the feeling in England that the Americans would regard so radical a measure as being aimed at one of their most flagrant shortcomings, and that it would be taken in this country as another handicap placed in the path of the Americans toward their regaining the Dwight F. Davis International challenge cup.

The decision of the English Lawn Tennis Association was to be held adoption of the rule open until after the time of the annual association meeting in this country, so that the American view of the rule could be ascertained. The idea of the English experts is that the rule will work a hardship to the American players, the majority of whom swing into motion toward the net as they deliver the service. The new rule would make this an impossibility, and is intended so to do.

It is probable that Tommy Burns will fight Jim Roache, the Irish champion, and Jack Palmer, who held the English title before Moir took it from him. "I don't see why I shouldn't pick up some easy money while I am here," remarked Tommy the other day. "Both these fellows look good to me."

Asked about his intentions regarding Johnson, the negro fighter, "It is all a matter of dollars and

cents," he said promptly. "If any fight promoter thinks well enough of a go between Johnson and myself to offer a purse worth while, Johnson can have a fight when I get back to the States. Otherwise, not."

Jim Driscoll, who is regarded as the cleverest little fellow in England, is going to the States looking for fight. He stands ready to meet any featherweight in the world, and members of the National Sporting Club stand ready to back him for \$5,000 on the side.

One of the biggest pheasant bags of the season was made recently on the estate near by Bradley Martin, in Scotland, Balmacran. The party brought in 2,250 pheasants, 1,150 rabbits, 570 wild duck, 22 woodcock, and several roe deer. These trophies fell to eight guns in four days.

Things have come to a sorry state in English athletics when a French team can beat Cambridge University in a track and field meet. The Racing Club de France took five events to four by Cambridge when they met recently. The Frenchmen won the weight put, the mile run, the long jump, the high jump, and the three-mile run.

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SELECTING AMERICAN SQUAD FOR OLYMPIC CONTESTS IN LONDON

Halpin Unwise Choice as Manager—Two Trial Meets Good Idea—Princeton-Harvard Game in New York Would Please Public.

By MANHATTAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The work of selecting an American team for the Olympic games in London next season is well under way.

It is estimated that it will take \$50,000 to pay the expenses of the men who will represent the United States in the world's greatest athletic contest. The work of raising this fund already has begun, and those who know President James E. Sullivan, of the Amateur Athletic Union, who is at the head of the American committee of the Olympic games, have little doubt that the necessary money will be raised and that the United States will be represented by the strongest team of athletes that it is possible to get together.

The selection of Matthew P. Halpin, of the New York Athletic Club, as manager and adviser of the American team is open to criticism. I do not wish to be understood as questioning Mr. Halpin's qualifications in the least, but in a case of this kind it would have been well to have selected a man against whom none of the probable contestants have any feeling, and it is unfortunately true that there is feeling against Mr. Halpin in many quarters which possibly may injure his value as manager of the team.

Irish Much Excited.

So bitter is the feeling against him in the Irish-American Athletic Club, so I understand, that it is possible the members of that club will not go to London under his direction. If this should prove true, it would eliminate Sheridan, Sullivan, Shepard, Cohn, Robertson, Southon, and Flannigan from the team. It is unnecessary to say what an enormous loss the elimination of these men would be. It is to be hoped, however, that personal feeling will not be permitted to interfere with the American athletes repeating the wonderful record they made at the last Olympic games at Athens.

The American committee was wise in deciding to hold two Olympic trials, one in the East and one in the West. In this way the participation of a much greater number of athletes can be secured, and the chances of securing the best all-around team the country can produce are increased. While the places for these meets have not as yet been definitely decided, I presume one will be held in Chicago and the other in New York. It is proposed at these meets to have all the events of the Olympic program, with the exception of the marathon race and the ten-mile walk. It is not yet determined whether or not an American crew will go to England next year.

I learn that negotiations are pending for the Princeton-Harvard football game to be played in New York, perhaps after the Princeton-Yale game. I trust that it is true. New York has too little opportunity to see first-class football. By that I mean that portion of the population of the metropolis which is unable to take a day or two off and spend the necessary amount of money to go to New Haven, West Point, or Princeton, the most convenient points at which first-class games are played. The game between Princeton and Harvard would draw an enormous crowd, would give

New York a chance to see a fine game, and would greatly enrich the athletic treasures of the two universities.

The meeting of the football rules committee, in this city on December 27, will be interesting from the fact that certain colleges who have been unable up to this time to master the intricacies of the forward pass will be on hand to urge a change in the rules governing this spectacular play. The great objection to the play is based upon the penalties arising from a failure to hold or even to catch a thrown ball. The objections to this play are summed up thus by Athletic Manager Baird, of the University of Michigan, who says:

It has brought into the science of football an element of uncertainty. Frequently the result of a football game is decided by chance. An inferior team, driven to recklessness, may triumph over a stronger and more reserving team through the fortunate outcome of uncertain playing. In conclusion, I may state that the forward pass ought to be abolished unless rules can be devised which will permit the adoption of a style of play in which skill and accuracy, rather than chance, secure the reward of victory." It is hardly probable, however, that the forward pass will be abolished.

Columbia is progressing, so far as football is concerned. The faculty has decided to permit interclass games hereafter, and there is now strong reason to hope that the ban against intercollegiate football will be removed by the authorities of the Morningside Heights University.

The Paulists' Association Football League, of Brazil, has sent a challenge, accompanied by a guarantee of expenses, for the Cornell Soccer football team to go to Brazil and play next summer, and a conditional acceptance of the challenge has been decided upon.

If present plans are carried out, the Cornell Soccer team will leave for Brazil in June or early in July next, and after playing the Brazilian team, it is possible they will make a tour of other South American cities, if games can be arranged.

Rowing at Princeton appears to be on a reasonably sound basis. The sport has taken hold at Princeton, and from the number of applicants, Coach Titus is confident that he will have a strong eight on the water when the ice fetters have been broken on Carnegie Lake. It has not been decided as yet whether the challenge to row Georgetown shall be accepted, but the probabilities are that it will. It is also probable that Princeton will enter either the Poughkeepsie regatta, or will make a tripartite agreement with Yale and Harvard and row at New London. The consensus at Princeton now is that it would be better to go to Poughkeepsie.

Tom Longboat, the famous long-distance Indian runner, has decided to enter for the Marathon race at the Olympic games in London next summer. In case his entry is accepted, and it is probable it will be, it would not be surprising to see Canada repeat her performance at Athens and make off with the principal event of the week.

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